

# St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



**Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.**

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**Term 1 Week 8**

23rd March  
2010

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## Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

It's hard to believe that we are beginning week eight of the year already.

Yesterday was, of course, Otago Anniversary Day. This is always an excellent time to reflect on how fortunate our lives are here in Otago, and what life may have held for us if our antecedents had not taken a huge risk and emigrated to New Zealand.

While it is important to be proud of who we are and where we come from, I believe that we also have a debt of service to pay to those who went before us and shaped this great province. The explorers and pioneers, the settlers and farmers, the builders and miners, of course the soldiers and visionaries.

These people took risks because they believed that they could build a great place to live not just for themselves but for future generations. We support their legacy by showing loyalty and giving of ourselves to further develop our communities. Every time you do something for someone else without expecting a reward then you honor the memory of our forefathers.

So by coaching sport, by serving on boards or committees, by being involved in community projects you honor the memory of our forefathers.

**Have a great week.**

**Regards, Mike Brosnahan**

## Thought for the Week ...

Correction does much but encouragement does more.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

## A New Look for Room 3

Due to our growing role and a need to utilize every teaching space, I approached Bill Hayden from Catholic Property Services last year about extending Room 3 by removing the old library resource room. Once we had received permission James Crooks took over the role of property manager and the rest as say is history.

Thank you to James for a huge job well done, I know that Room 3 and Mrs Stevens are very grateful.



## Warren Kearney from the Otago Rugby came to teach Rippa Rugby ...



# Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

## BOT Elections

Time is moving on and our BOT elections are drawing ever closer. At least one current BOT member has said that they will not be re-standing for the BOT. So we really need you to put your name forward.

A growing school like ours requires excellent governance from its Board and it is best to have representation from right throughout our school community. So please think carefully and if you feel you can work on our Board and help to govern our school please fill in the nomination form as appropriate and send in to our Returning Officer.

## St Mary's School Mosgiel Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice will be posted to all eligible voters.

Nominations close at noon on 27<sup>th</sup> April and should be accompanied by a candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates names for inspection at the school.

The poll closes at noon on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
Pauline Evans -Returning Officer

## PTA AGM Monday 29th March 7.30pm

Next week is the AGM of our PTA.

Several members will be standing down at this meeting and we require new members also for this key component of our school community. The only reason that we are such a well resourced school is because of the PTA's hard work, the funds they raise and activities that they organize are why our school is the great place that it is. So please come along to next weeks AGM and show our support for our school by joining the PTA.

The Board are providing a supper to show their appreciation for all the work they have done.

## Other Notices

**Mosgiel AFC Football holiday academy,**  
Memorial Park Mon 12th -Wed 14th 9.30-12.30,  
for ages 6-14 years, cost \$50 for 3 days, enquiries  
to Sally Hicks 489 5023 after 5pm.

**Lois Muir Challenge - Netball Competition,**  
Gold Coin Entry, Edgar Centre Sunday 28th  
March, 11.30am onwards.

## Dinosaur Exhibition at the Museum - March

Tuesday 23rd - Room 4 Morning, Room 6 Afternoon  
Wednesday 24th- Room 3 Morning, Room 7 Afternoon  
Thursday 25th - Room 1 & 2 Morning,  
Room 5 Afternoon



## Jump Rope for Heart This Friday 2.15pm

This term we have been doing Jump Rope with our Whanau Groups, getting ready for our jump off this Friday **26th March 2.15pm**. To support the Heart Foundation we would like a gold coin donation per student on that day. Thank you Paul Sullivan

## HANDS UP FOR LEARNING!

KIA MAU KI TE WHAKAAKO

Trial National Standards, Not Our Kids

NZEI TE KURIOA



Do you know how National Standards will affect your child?

## PUBLIC MEETING

Lester Flockton – National Standards  
the inconvenient truth  
Minister of Education Anne Tolley  
has been invited  
Dave Cull MC  
REGENT THEATRE  
Wednesday 31st March, 7 PM

## Congratulations!

Cecilia Crooks, Chanse Peita and Anahera Reynolds excitedly read their own published stories.

ODT Extra edition for February featured the Orokonui Ecosanctuary and these three had their stories published as the first visiting class. Well done.



## Looking Ahead: March

Mon 22nd Anniversary Day - **school closed**  
Friday 26th Jump Rope For Heart Showcase  
See above for details  
23 - 25 Dinosaur Exhibition at the  
Museum - details on next page.  
29th PTA AGM 7.30pm - all welcome  
supper provided  
1st April Easter Liturgy 2pm Hall  
End of Term 1

**School starts back on Monday 19th**